

**Amendment to the Claims**

Please amend the claims as indicated below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended): A process for the manufacture of tetraalkylammonium tetrafluoroborate-containing electrolyte compositions, characterized in that said process comprises step (i):
  - (i) mixing of at least one tetraalkylammonium halide with at least one metal tetrafluoroborate in at least one organic solvent, which is partially or completely miscible with water.
2. (Original): The process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the at least one organic solvent is selected from the group comprising nitriles, dinitriles, alkyl carbonates, alkylene carbonates, lactones.
3. (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the alkyl groups of the at least one tetraalkylammonium halide contain independently from each other of from 1 to 10 carbon atoms.
4. (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the at least one metal tetrafluoroborate is an alkali metal tetrafluoroborate.

5. (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~any of~~ claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the at least one tetraalkylammonium halide and the at least one metal tetrafluoroborate are mixed in a molar ratio of from 2 : 1 to 1 : 5.
6. (Original): The process as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the mixing process is carried out at a temperature of from -50 °C to +240 °C.
7. (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~any of~~ claims 1 to 6, characterized in that the at least one organic solvent is acetonitrile, 1,2-propylene carbonate or  $\gamma$ -butyrolactone and that 1 to 4 of the alkyl groups of the at least one tetraalkylammonium tetrafluoroborate are ethyl groups.
8. (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~any of~~ claims 1 to 7, characterized in that said process further comprises at least one of the reaction steps (ii) and (iii):
  - (ii) separation of metal halide,
  - (iii) drying.
9. (Currently Amended): ~~Tetraalkylammonium tetrafluoroborate-containing electrolyte compositions, characterized in that said compositions are obtainable by a process as defined in any of the claims 1 to 8.~~  
A composition comprising a tetraalkylammonium tetrafluoroborate-containing electrolyte produced by a process as defined in claim 1.

10. (Currently Amended): ~~The Tetraalkylammonium tetrafluoroborate-containing electrolyte compositions as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that said compositions contain an amount of metal halogenide of from 10 ppm to 2 % by weight, wherein said amount relates to a solvent-free electrolyte residue.~~
11. (Currently Amended): ~~The Tetraalkylammonium tetrafluoroborate-containing electrolyte compositions as claimed in claim 10, characterized in that said compositions are noncorrosive in electrochemical cells or capacitors.~~
12. (Currently Amended): ~~The use of tetraalkylammonium tetrafluoroborate-containing electrolyte compositions produced according to any of the claims 1 to 8 or use of tetraalkylammonium tetrafluoroborate-containing electrolyte compositions according to any of claims 9 to 11 in electrochemical cells or capacitors.~~  
An electrochemical cell or capacitor comprising tetraalkylammonium tetrafluoroborate-containing electrolyte compositions produced according to claim 1.